

We are in favor of a fair appropriation for the Farmington asylum, but we want Architect Hobenschield to "walk the plank."

Boys, its tough on you, but it's a rough road that leads from nothing to something, and beset with valuable experience. The name Arnold—be front-named Benedict also gave his confiding countrymen the fluke—will sit closer to your hearts hereafter. It's a good name—to cuss.

H. HOBENSCHILD, who has had a fine "grat" as architect for the Farmington Insane Asylum for the past four years, isn't yet satisfied, but like Oliver Twist is "asking for more." We are glad to state, though, that we have every reason to hope that Mr. Hobenschield will shortly sever his connection with the asylum and will be known there no more forever.

THE bill requiring baking powder containing alum to be so labeled is certainly a good "pure food" law. When a man buys an article it is no more than right that he should be informed as to its make-up. Then he can pay his money and take his choice. If he wants alum, all right; but it is not right for the manufacturer or dealer to sell him alum under another name. That's obtaining money under false pretenses. Senator Farrie's bill is the proper thing, and all this talk about its being in the interest of certain manufacturers is the merest bosh.

I SEE the Filipinos are giving us a lot of trouble again. Some engagements have been fought, and a number of lives have been lost on both sides. What else is to be expected? The misery of it is, that this will be the condition over there for years and years, or so long as the Filipinos have a tradition of the time when their independence and liberty were forcibly taken from them. The authorities call them "outlaws," and, in one sense of the word, I presume they are outlaws—just like George Washington and his ragged mob at Valley Forge were outlaws to King George's government.

THE bill debarring all agents of corporations from serving as judges or clerks of election would indeed be a damphool law were it to pass. "Agents" is a rather comprehensive term, and could be made to include a lot of people. Beside, the State Constitution would knock it out. That document tolerates no such thing as the denying to the sovereign citizen any of his political rights because of his avocation. I think there is a good deal of "bumcombe" mixed up with the Senator's many admirable traits. He will never ride into Congress on that dun-colored horse—let him paste this fact in his hat.

Our Autocratic Servants.

Two weeks ago a married woman was the second time adjudged insane by the Honorable County Court of Iron county. Her trial was had under all due form of law, and preparation was made to send her to one of the public asylums founded and maintained for the care of people in her unfortunate mental condition. The County Clerk was ordered to immediately communicate with the superintendent of the asylum located at Fulton. This he did, and following is the extraordinary rejoinder to his letter:

STATE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE, No. 1,
FULTON, MO., February 4, 1903.

W. T. O'Neal, County Clerk:
Dear Sir:—Yours in reference to the case of Mrs. Effie Johnson duly received, in which you said she was adjudged by the County Court and ordered confined in an asylum.

We sent her from this institution on account of her being in that delicate state; as this is no place to raise babies or even for them to be born.

You must not send her here, as you say preparations are being made to send her as soon as possible. Please do not send her here, as we will not receive her in that condition.

Yours, Very Truly,
J. W. SMITH, M. D.,
Superintendent.

Application was also made to Asylum No. 4 and a refusal was returned by the superintendent.

Will these superintendents please get down close enough to the rabble public to let it know by what warrant of law this woman is denied admission into these State institutions? I have diligently examined the Statutes of Missouri, and this is the only section bearing upon the question, but it is explicit and emphatic:

SEC. 4856. Persons afflicted with any form of insanity shall be admitted into the asylum for the care and treatment of the insane, and any patient may be discharged by the superintendent whenever, in his opinion, the reason of such person is fully restored; provided, that nothing herein shall be so construed to prevent any superintendent from paroling any patient whenever he deems it best for such person confined in the asylum; and provided further, that county courts are hereby prohibited from removing from the asylum any indigent insane persons, except as herein provided.

"Persons afflicted with any form of insanity"—this is the sole qualification, if I may so term it. But I am told the high and mighty governors of these institutions, maintained at the cost of the tax-payers, have certain "rules and regulations" made by themselves, and that this patient is excluded by one of the "rules." Strange as it may seem to the Superintendents and the boards of managers of the Asylums, I have no reverence or respect for their "rules" except such as are made in accordance with law.

To me the case in question demands peculiarly the care of the State. The condition of this patient renders her doubly helpless and dependent—nay, more, involves another life. Surely if there can be an instance where the duty of the State is plain and unequivocal, this is one. It is the pride of every citizen that the State is able and willing to provide for her and make such amelioration of her deplorable condition as is humanly possible. He cheerfully pays the taxes necessary to this end, and he has enacted laws that his humane purpose shall be carried out. Have the boards of managers of the institutions he has built and paid for—these his servants, working for stipulated hire—the power by rule or by-law to nullify the law, to set at naught the provisions under which their brief authority has been given them? Must the ease and comfort of doctors, assistants, nurses, and attaches generally, take precedence of the very purpose which gives these institutions being?

The "ruling" above referred to seems preposterous, not to say barbarous. Is there no remedy? Is there no power in the State to overrule such heartless "ruling"?

What is to be done with the patient? How is she to be cared for? Must she, because of the autocratic "rulings" of Asylum managers be turned loose upon the world, to freeze, to starve, to die in childbirth of non-attention, and the offspring mayhap be made food for brutes? I dislike to annoy our self-sufficient public servants, whose zeal in behalf of their calling is no doubt in evidence every day of the week, with these plebeian questions; but, really, there are some people who would like to have them answered. For, if the law justifies the arbitrary "ruling" referred to in this article, the law itself must be revised until it enforces the will of the citizens.

It must be done, else where are these "rulings" to find boundary? If a board of managers can lawfully refuse admission to a patient because of his or her physical condition—except in case of contagious disease—to what ends may not these "rulings" extend? If the discretion of the boards and superintendents is to be exercised without limit by statute, the legislature might better wipe out all law governing these institutions and let them be run subject only to the sweet will of their officers. Practically, that seems to be the rule now. If it is good, let there be lawful, unequivocal warrant for it. If it is not good, the rule must be set at naught and made of no avail.

Are the asylums instituted to care for the insane or to provide acceptable places for their managers and attaches? On the answer to this query depends the further inquiry as to whether law or by-law ought to govern.

Is Osteopathy a Fake?

Let us investigate and find out. See future issues of the REGISTER.

Bellevue Items.

The weather has been very inclement for the past week—rain, sleet and snow; consequently the roads are in a very bad condition. The fact is, it is almost impossible to travel over the roads in many places. Saturday a gentleman from West Fork with a load of shingles had one of his horses to fall down in the mud, and it was with much difficulty the horse was pried out of the mud. The poor man, though somewhat discouraged, started on for Ironton. The road question is getting to be a serious one indeed. But of one thing we are sure: the idea of dumping sand and gravel on clay ground roads, without stone underneath the sand and gravel, is a serious loss of both time and money.

At a meeting of the members of the Second Baptist church, not long ago, Rev. Geo. Steel, of Ironton, was elected pastor of that church for the ensuing year.

Not long ago the members of the Second Baptist church met at H. Latham's and gave a pound party for the benefit of Bro. J. H. Calvert, who has been pastor of said church for the past five years. While Bro. C. has resigned, and will leave the church for other fields of labor, he has the best wishes of many friends here for his future success.

What wonderful changes time brings! Thomas Bell, St. Louis, is here receiving hub logs for Mr. Curtis, who has returned to Ohio.

I am reliably informed that Norman White has sold his farm to a Mr. Sloan of near Belgrade; consideration \$3,700. Mr. W. intends to remove to Oklahoma the coming spring. He is a good citizen and his friends regret to see him leave Bellevue.

Thomas Bartlow is clerking for W. R. Read.

A gentleman by the name of Bartlow, who came from the Flat River region, last week passed through Bellevue en route for Edge Hill, where he has purchased the farm formerly owned by David Latham.

H. Latham last week made a trip to Iron Mountain.

TWO SALES IN ONE!

REMNANT AND CLEARING SALE.

We have decided for the next thirty days to reduce our stock, and what we will do to former prices will be plenty. Blankets, Underwear, Ladies' Cloaks and Capes, Men's Clothing and Overcoats, Dress Goods, Millinery, in fact every line will have its share of the cut. Many goods below cost. We were able to buy direct from the mills their short lengths in many staple articles, and we also combine this with our clearing sale. Note a few of the many greatly cut prices:

2000 Yards Dark American Calicoes, one of the best brands manufactured; worth 6 1-2 cents per yard, in good dress pattern lengths, 30 days only, go for per yard **4c.**

Dry Goods.

American Blue Calico, 30 days only, go for 5c yard.
1000 yards Great Western Domestic, worth 8 1-3c, for 30 days only, 5c yard.
One yard wide good Bleached Domestic in remnants, 30 days only, at 5 yard.
1 1-4 yd. wide unbleached Sheeting, Lockwood Brand; worth 30c yd., for 30 days only, 15c yard.
35 yard bundle remnants of Standard Calico, for 30 days only, go for 95c, or 2 3-4c yard.
500 yards remnant Apron Check Gingham, for 30 days only, 4c yard.

Blankets.

Good Grey Double Blankets, for 30 days only, reduced to 58c.
175 Blankets reduced to \$1.25.
250 Blankets reduced to \$1.98.
350 Blankets reduced to \$2.98.
Comforts worth 90 cents reduced to 55 cents.

Women's & Children's Jackets

Women's and Children's Jackets at big reductions. Just a sample of our cutting:
Good Wool Capes that sold for \$1.50, go for 98c.
Good Silk Plush Capes that sold for \$8.00, go for \$3.75.
300 Capes go for \$1.75.
Ladies' Jackets that sold for \$4.00, go for \$2.50.
Ladies' Jackets that sold for \$4.90, go for \$3.00.
Ladies' Jackets that sold for \$7.50, go for \$5.50.
Ladies' Jackets that sold for \$10, \$12 and \$18, have been reduced to cost and less.

Big cuts in Ladies' Hats, Skirts, Shirt Waists and Dress Goods.

Men's Clothing & Overcoats.

Men's Clothing and Overcoats reduced from 20 to 25 per cent.
\$15.00 Overcoats for \$12.00.
\$10.00 Overcoats for \$7.50.
\$7.50 Overcoats for \$5.90.
\$5.00 Overcoats for \$3.75.

Shoes.

Immense bargains in Shoes. A few items to show what we are doing.
Misses' School Shoes, mostly 1, 12 and 2, go for 75c to \$1.00, that are worth from \$1.00 to \$1.50.
Men's Shoes, Brogans, for 95c, worth \$1.25 to \$1.50.
Men's Fine shoes for \$1.25, worth \$1.75 (mostly No. 7).

Groceries.

SALT ONLY \$1.15 PER BARREL.

Dried Apples, 5c per pound.
California Peaches, 3 pounds for 25c.
15 Bars Laundry Soap, 25c.
Royal and Dr. Price's Baking Powder, for 20c, half pound cans.
Package Coffee, 10c.
A Fine Bulk Roast Coffee for 12 1-2 cents.
A Santos Pea Berry Coffee for 18 cents per pound, that is equal to any 30 cent Coffee you are using. Try it.
19 pounds Granulated Sugar for \$1.00.

This Sale will go on for Thirty Days Only, so take advantage of our offerings and save money.

T. S. Lopez & Sons.

IRONTON, MISSOURI.

It appears that the Legislature would like to give the pupils of Missouri free school books. Now there cannot possibly be such a thing as free school books; and if the State furnish them, the taxpayers will have to pay for them, which, in the end, will cost more than the books actually cost under the present law. The whole school system is somewhat paternalistic, and this "free text-book" proposition is another step in that direction. The writer has always opposed compulsory education, and now that a proposition to furnish free text-books, etc., is being agitated, he as strenuously opposes that proposition.

I have just finished reading "Our Nestee, Legend of Sunset Mountain," by E. D. Ake, and to say that the book, from beginning to end, was very interesting hardly does the book justice. The author has clearly shown the characteristic qualities of the Indian; that the Indian is a being endowed with principles of love, hope, religion and poetry; that all men are in some degree poets, and that when proper conditions are brought to bear upon their minds, they naturally give vent to poetry. But not in all men are the proper conditions brought to bear. "Full many a flower is born to blush unseen." A slight digression from the subject only lends renewed interest to the text; for, like the exclusion of the sun's rays for a time, the rays appear

brighter when the cloud passes away. In short, the author, E. D. Ake, has shown clearly that he, as a writer, has but few equals, and has beautifully portrayed the many noble qualities of his character. The book should be placed upon the market.

Mann Items.

Another rain Saturday caused the roads to become very muddy again. We are glad to see you are in favor of good roads. That is right Mr. Editor, keep after them. We think it is a necessity, and we must have better roads. Money used on our roads would certainly be a blessing to our people and very highly appreciated.

Our community was grieved to hear of the death of Ray Imboden, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Imboden, who departed this life Feb. 6, 1903. He was laid to rest in the Caledonia cemetery. The relatives have our heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour of bereavement. May they look to Him who doeth all things well, and who will comfort them in their troubles.

W. D. Hartman had business in Ironton Friday.
Fred Sinclair, who has been carrying the mail on this route for the past four years, has the contract for another four years with a good increase in salary.
Rev. Charlton filled his regular appointment at Cedar Grove Sunday and Sunday night.

Thomas and William Anderson went to Goodwater Saturday.
Mrs. Julia McClurg and son, Arthur, went to see Mrs. Imboden Saturday, who lives in Washington county, and is very low with consumption.
E. W. Hughes, of Irondale, had business here Friday.
N. J. Stout had business in Ironton Friday.

One-Way Rates.

Every day from February 15 to April 30, 1903, the Union Pacific will sell One-way Colonist Tickets at the following rates from Missouri River:
\$20.00 to Ogden and Salt Lake City.
\$20.00 to Butte, Anaconda and Helena.
\$22.50 to Spokane and Wainatoochee, Wash.
\$25.00 to Everett, Fairhaven and New Whatcom, via Huntington and Spokane.
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\$25.00 to San Francisco, Los Angeles and many other California points.
From Chicago and St. Louis proportionately low rates are in effect by lines connecting with the Union Pacific to all above points.
For full information call on or address
J. H. LOTHROP,
Genl. Agt., St. Louis, Mo.

Roselle Items.

It is still muddy and the roads are almost impassable.
Jessie Singleton visited home folks Saturday and Sunday returning to Flat River yesterday.
Guy Lowry is home from the Catharine mines on a visit.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sharp, on the 7th, a boy; and to Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, a pair of twins, a boy and girl. All are doing well.
There was to be a singing at Jesse Inman's Sunday night, but as we did not attend we can't state how many were there, however, we guess it was a success, as usual.
George Hart has moved on his farm recently vacated by Wm. Walker.

Our school closed on the 30th. All enjoyed themselves nicely at the entertainment.
Rev. F. B. Matthews will commence a protracted meeting here next Sunday at Granite View church.
Well we shall come again if we don't get stuck up in the mud.

SUNFLOWER.

October 1st we will begin making a beautiful small Photo at 25 cents per dozen. It is a Little Gem. Call and see it at Perkins.

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